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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HUMMEL AND ALDRICH

1. HAVE POUCHED TODAY FOR YOUR INFORMATION DRAFT TREATY OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND AGREEMENT ON TRADE MEASURES, AGREED IN STATE MAY 7 AND REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCIES FOR CONCURRENCE. MEETING SCHEDULED WITH OTHER AGENCIES MAY 10 SEEKING AGREEMENT ON THESE DRAFTS AND ON TRADE PROPOSALS, INVOLVING PHILIPPINE MAHOGANY VENEER, ABACA CORDAGE, COCONUT OIL, AND SCRAP TOBACCO.

2. EXPECT THAT AGREEMENT ON TRADE PACKAGE WILL INVOLVE INTENSIVE DEBATE AMONG AGENCIES CONCERNED AS ANTICIPATED PARA 2 STATE 91683. ACTING SECRETARY TODAY SIGNED LETTERS TO SECRETARIES OF TREASURY, AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE, AND TO AMBASSADOR EBERLE, MR. FLANIGAN, AND MR. ASH, SEEKING THEIR SECRET

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ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EARLY AGREEMENT. TRUST THIS WILL

HELP MOVE THINGS ALONG.

3. ACTION TO REQUEST ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RESULTS OF MAY 10 MEETING. DIFFICULTY IN MOVING QUICKER IS RISK THAT OTHER INTERESTED EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS WOULD REACT ADVERSELY TO SUCH ACTION PRIOR TO CONSULTATION WITH THEM, BECAUSE THEY WOULD SEE COMMISSION AS RELATED PRINCIPALLY TO POSSIBLE BILATERAL TRADE LEGISLATION AND, THEREFORE, AS WEAKENING OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PASSAGE OF TRADE BILL.

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